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BLACKOUT AND MANEUVER TEST STATE'S DEFENSES

Pennsylvania's half-hour surprise blackout drill last Thursday climaxed an unprecedented and successful test of the State's entire defense establishment—both civilian and military.

The blackout, from 9:30 to 10 P.M., theoretically marked the arrival of enemy planes over Pennsylvania at the conclusion of a four-day maneuver in which military intelligence had kept officials advised of the probable "approach" of enemy raiders.

At 9 A.M. Thursday, information came that a German naval force with carriers had been "sighted" about 300 miles off the Atlantic Coast. State Motor Police forces were immediately mobilized, and other developments followed rapidly.

Forces Mobilized

The Pennsylvania Reserve Defense Corps and its Auxiliary, and also the Civil Air Patrol were mobilized when

the enemy force was reported just "off shore" at 4 P.M. The Governor's Emergency Disaster Committee and the SCD Evacuation Authority also alerted local forces at this juncture.

The mobilizations, as specified by Governor James when he ordered the maneuver, were actual, and gave all the forces valuable experience not only in their own operations but in problems of liaison with other forces.

Counties Advised

The State Control Center was activated early Thursday
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BLOCK PLAN AIDS IN CAR-SHARING

A renewed campaign through Block Leaders and other Council of Defense volunteers to promote Car Sharing has been started by the OCD.

"The best way that a car owner can be sure of getting to work on time and still save his car and rubber for war uses is by joining a Car Sharing group," said OCD Director James M. Landis.

Instructions for Block Leaders have been sent to Councils of Defense.

'CONGRATULATIONS'

Major Gen. Milton A. Reckord, Commanding General of the Third Service Command, sent congratulations to Governor James last week at the close of Pennsylvania's air raid maneuver.

"Please be assured," he said, "that I am highly appreciative of the work done and wish to congratulate your staff and the army of civilians and those members of the uniformed State forces who carried on the major portion of the activities."

DISTRICT CONTROL CENTER PLANNED

Plans are being completed for establishing a District Control Center in the nine-county Pittsburgh metropolitan area to correspond to the District Control Center already operating in the five-county Philadelphia area.

Procedure was discussed at a meeting of the Metropolitan District Council of Defense in Pittsburgh last week. Dr. A. C. Marts, executive director of the SCD, approved the proposal and suggested that the nine counties share the cost.

When set up, the district center would arrange for interchange of personnel and equipment between counties during an air raid and would be the contact point between the district and the State Control Center.

Attend School

Two men from Pennsylvania attended the latest session of the Army's Civilian Protection School at Purdue University, Lafayette, Ind. They were T. W. Stephens, of Wilkinsburg, and Chief of Police James L. McClimans, of Butler.



Governor Martin

Martin Becomes Chairman Of SCD

Governor Edward Martin became chairman of the State Council of Defense when he took the oath of office as Governor of Pennsylvania at Inaugural ceremonies this week.

No newcomer to the SCD, Governor Martin had served as a member previously in his capacity as Adjutant General. He succeeds the retiring governor, Arthur H. James, as chairman.

Five other changes in the Council's membership of eleven were occasioned by the change in administration. Hon. John C. Bell, Jr., new Lieutenant Governor; Hon. Ira T. Fiss, new

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C D Volunteers Cited For Work In Flood Areas

Pennsylvania's Civilian Defense volunteers responded in full stride when the recent flood emergency swept the Pittsburgh area and other sections of the state.

The State Control Center and its facilities were put at the disposal of G. Albert Stewart, chairman of the Governor's Emergency Disaster Committee, and 38 County Control Centers were activated.

Later, in a letter to the Governor, Stewart declared the Control Center facilities were of the "greatest benefit" and that their use "marks a decided step forward in handling civil emergencies."

Mrs. Harold Wood, publicity director, Allegheny County Council of Defense, estimated that 30,000 air raid wardens, auxiliary police and firemen, and driver corps members reported for duty there, and many worked all day and night helping to evacuate about 7500 people to safe areas. They co-operated 100 per cent with the Red Cross.

In Coraopolis, officials called out auxiliary police, air raid wardens and firemen to handle the greatest jam of traffic ever to strike the city, caused by high

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New members of State Council of Defense include Hon. Ira T. Fiss (left), Speaker of the House, and Hon. John C. Bell, Jr., Lieutenant Governor.

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Facility Security Officers Assigned

Five Facility Security officers have been assigned to Pennsylvania to work closely with Councils of Defense and other agencies in combating sabotage and subversive activities.

The assignments were announced by John B. Warden, former coordinator of the Harrisburg-Dauphin County Council of Defense and now regional Facility Security officer for the Third Civilian Defense Region. The officers and their districts are:

State Officer and District 5—W. C. Cook, Capitol Building, Harrisburg.
District 1—Emlen Wood, Broad St. Station, Philadelphia.

District 2—A. C. Earnshaw, Masonic Temple Bldg., Scranton.

District 3—Edward J. Durrwachter, Erie.

District 4—Earl S. Harrison, Pittsburgh.

Established by order of President Roosevelt, the Facility Security program supplements the Army Internal Security program and the plant protection programs of the Army, Navy and Federal Power Commission. It is administered by the OCD.

MANY QUALIFY FOR FIRST AID RATINGS

During the first year of war, nearly 1,000,000 Pennsylvanians completed either 20-hour or ten-hour First Aid courses, Miss Cecile Kennedy, Red Cross liaison representative to the SCD, announced.

Her report for the year ending last Dec. 7 showed:

Disaster Relief—18 chapters carried out operations in 11 disasters, aiding 8,500 victims and spending \$228,000.

Nursing Service—enrolled 1,009 nurses in First Reserve (military duty).

Nurses Aides—Trained 4,888 aides to assist regular nurses in 188 hospitals and other agencies.

First Aid—Issued 427,045 certificates for 20-hour course, compared with 39,618 in preceding year. Ten-hour course was given to thousands of additional persons.

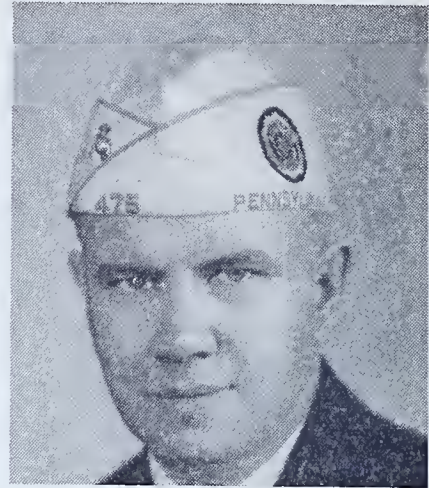
Blood Donor Service—Number of blood donations to Oct. 21, 122,750.

NEW CHART TRACES EMERGENCY CALLS

The Bell Telephone Co. has produced an "electrified flow chart" that shows how urgently telephone facilities are needed for emergency calls in time of emergency.

The "chart" is a large illuminated panel that traces the flow of air raid calls. It was pre-viewed by the SCD staff at Harrisburg and will be taken on an exhibition tour in the near future.

Meanwhile, the Northumberland County Council of Defense has undertaken a campaign for public cooperation in a telephone "blackout" during future air raid drills.



Howard S. Fernsler (left) is Chairman of the Schuylkill County Council of Defense, and Paul B. Dague (right) is Executive Secretary of the Chester County Council of Defense. Fernsler also is secretary and business manager of the Pottsville Public School District, while Dague is chief deputy sheriff of Chester County and finance officer of the American Legion of Pennsylvania.

News From Local Councils

CLASSES FOR WOMEN: A training class for women Air Raid Wardens who will take the place of men in daytime drills, is planned in Northumberland County . . . Twenty-eight Johnstown women recently completed instructions in first aid to qualify for service as Air Raid Wardens.

TRAINS AGENTS: Dr. H. F. Smyth, Jr., of Mellon Institute, has started a course of lectures and laboratory periods for the 250 Gas Reconnaissance Agents of the Allegheny County Council of Defense.

CO-EDS SERVE: Fifteen Westminster College co-eds are spending their Saturdays and Sundays working as volunteer nurses' aides at a New Castle hospital.

FULL-TIME JOB: Increased salvage collections in Luzerne County resulted in the appointment of a full-time executive secretary . . . Between April 17 and Dec. 31 collections totalled 100,000,000 pounds.

FIREMEN ACTIVE: Ross E. Blodgett, Chief Fire Co-ordinator of Allegheny County, reports that fire departments in the county have collected 3,018,210 pounds of scrap.

300 CERTIFIED: Nearly 300 persons who completed the required training were certified as members of the Citizens Defense Corps at Mt. Carmel.

ENROLLMENT: The Lancaster County Council of De-

fense reports 13,932 persons enrolled in the CDC as of Nov. 20 . . . This is about seven per cent of the county's population.

DEFENSE HEAD: Attorney Ernest O. Kooser, one of Somerset County's best known lawyers, has been appointed chairman of Somerset County Council of Defense.

GOOD ADVICE: The Delaware County Council of Defense announced that "it is the patriotic duty of every member of the Civilian Defense personnel of our county to discourage complaints and to encourage a willingness to share whatever inconveniences may now be with us or in the future."

AID SERVICE MEN

Pennsylvania's 100 Y.M.C.A.'s are giving daily service to 25,000 service men, according to a recent survey. It shows that practically every "Y" in the state admits members of our armed forces to free use of its facilities.

TAMAQUA MAN MAY

BE MEDICAL DEPUTY

Dr. Edgar E. Shifferstine, of Tamaqua, has been recommended to the U. S. Public Health Service for appointment as deputy to Dr. Paul Dodds, Chief Medical Officer of the SCD. Dr. Shifferstine formerly was superintendent and chief surgeon at Coaldale State Hospital.

BLACKOUT TESTS DEFENSE

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afternoon, and at 3 P.M. messages were sent out activating the County Control Centers. The Army's Internal Security forces were mobilized also.

As the "enemy" raiders approached, Control Centers went through their weekly statewide drill from 7 to 8 P.M. This was the fourth Control Center drill since the weekly schedule was started on Dec. 21.

The "enemy" arrived over Pennsylvania just after the air raid sirens sounded and struck, as pre-arranged, in only one area—the Harrisburg area. Here "bombs" fell in the general area of a munitions plant. Some "saboteurs" and airborne "enemy" personnel were captured.

Tour Raid Area

State Police went into action and later called on the other defense forces for assistance. Governor James, Dr. A. C. Marts, and Col. William Diener, district Internal Security commander, who directed the maneuver, toured the "raid" area while the situation was being brought under control.

The blackout was the first staged in Pennsylvania since November and was the first held since the new rule requiring "CD" pennants and blackout masks on vehicles went into effect. It was the State's sixth practice blackout.

PLANT HOLDS BLACKOUT

The National Tube Co., at McKeesport, recently conducted a successful ten-minute blackout test at its plant. The glare from converters and the flame from blast furnaces were extinguished in one minute.

Charities Start Salvage Drive

A special two-weeks scrap drive, sponsored by Pennsylvania's charitable organizations with the assistance of county and local Salvage Committees, was launched this week.

In a bulletin sent to Salvage Committees, Colley S. Baker, Secretary of the Advisory Salvage Committee of the SCD, called for their full support in the drive and warned that "unless our scrap collection program is speeded up immediately, it may be necessary for some of the steel producing plants to curtail production."

The charities drive will be directed by a committee headed by Dr. Albert Curry, Pittsburgh, chairman of Good Will Industries.

At the same time, Baker set a January quota of one ton of tin cans for every 1000 of each county's population. The statewide goal is 9000 tons.

FOLLOW ZONE PATTERN IN BLOCK LEADER PLAN

In developing its Block Leader organization, the York City-County Council of Defense followed the existing air raid zone-sector-post geographical pattern and even consulted zone wardens on the appointment of zone Block Leaders.

"This assured an agreeable working team," said Mrs. E. A. Van Valkenburg, chief of Citizens Service Corps for the SCD. Zone Block Leaders then appointed sector leaders and the latter appointed post leaders to organize all blocks in the post.



(Courtesy Philadelphia Inquirer)
Children shown at play in new Child Care Center opened in Philadelphia. The city has appropriated \$152,000 for 15 such centers to accommodate 700 children of working mothers.

1,500,000 In Civilian Defense

More than 1,500,000 Pennsylvanians are actively and directly engaged in Civilian Defense, Dr. A. C. Marts, executive director of the SCD, announced last week.

"This is a conservative estimate," he said, "and it does not include hundreds of thousands who have contributed to Civilian Defense by taking First Aid courses, donating blood, serving in Red Cross or Aircraft Spotting posts."

He gave the following figures indicating a total of 1,557,000 direct volunteers:

582,000 members enrolled in the Citizens Defense Corps.

600,000 Victory Gardeners.

50,000 active participants in the Salvage Program.

50,000 persons serving as members of the 1124 Councils of Defense and their various committees.

100,000 air raid protection volunteers in industries, institutions and commercial buildings.

175,000 active in the Citizens Service Corps as Block Leaders, Ration Board volunteers, and in other services.

GIFTS PRESENTED TO SCD LEADERS

Gifts were presented this month by the SCD staff to Governor James and Mrs. William J. Clothier in appreciation of their activities in the State Council of Defense program.

Governor James, who retires as chairman of the Council, received a silver cigaret box, and Mrs. Clothier, the Governor's appointee on the Council, was given a silver compact. Both gifts were inscribed with an American flag, the State seal, and the Civilian Defense insignia.

Tokens of appreciation were given by the staff at Christmas time to Dr. A. C. Marts, executive director, and A. Boyd Hamilton, secretary. They were presented with desk sets.

Child Care To Be Major Problem

A prediction that "within 90 days" Child Care will become a problem definitely affecting war production in Pennsylvania was made at the January staff meeting by Dr. A. C. Marts, SCD director.

"The problem is lurking just below the surface now in many war centers," he said. "But within 90 days it will bob out and hit us in the face unless we make good use of the time now in getting our Child Care program underway."

At a meeting of the SCD Advisory Committee on Child Care the same day, the feeling was expressed that many mothers would apply for war production jobs now if they had assurance of supervised care for their children.

Mrs. Benjamin Ludlow, Director of Child Care, reported that 15 of the 24 counties that were asked by the SCD to set up Child Care committees have completed their organization, and that 17 local committees have been named in these counties.

As an aid to the program, the State Office of the U. S. Employment Service reported that it has advised its offices throughout Pennsylvania to cooperate with Child Care by keeping them posted on local employment needs.

NEW OCD FILMS BEING RELEASED

Copies of a new OCD training film, "Rescue Unit," have been received by the SCD and sent to a number of County Councils of Defense for short periods of loan. They will be forwarded to other counties as rapidly as they are returned.

The new film is the second made available in recent weeks through the SCD. The other is "Air Raid Warden," copies of which have been loaned to about two-thirds of the counties. Allotments of four more films now being produced by OCD have been promised for early release through the same channels.

Meanwhile, a number of counties have named film chairmen or otherwise made arrangements for wider use of films, as recommended by the SCD in Bulletin 242B. Film chairmen appointed include: James A. Kepler, Mifflin County; James H. Collins, Butler County; and F. A. Fahnestock, Jr., Perry County.



Canteen unit organized by New Castle Division of Pennsylvania Power and Light Co. shown in recent parade. The company has developed efficient Civilian Defense organization paralleling that of the community.

Driver Instructor Schools Near Close

The schedule for Driver Corps instructor schools, sponsored by the SCD, opened last week in the remaining five Civilian Defense regions of Pennsylvania. Prof. Amos E. Neyhart, of Pennsylvania State College, is in charge.

Instructor certificates were awarded to more than 150 candidates at three other region schools held prior to Christmas. The school at **Wilkes-Barre** Jan. 9 to 12 was well attended, and 65 persons were enrolled at the **Williamsport** school last week.

A similar school opened last Wednesday at **Altoona**, while others are scheduled for **Pittsburgh** Jan. 18 to 21, **New Castle** Jan. 22 to 25, and **Oil City** Jan. 27 to 30.

NEW INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN IN BULLETINS

In a recent bulletin issued by the SCD, Councils of Defense in war centers were asked to appoint Passive Plant Protection Officers, whose duties will be to inspect and advise managers of local industries concerning their air raid precautions.

Another bulletin requested Councils of Defense in communities of 5,000 population and over to appoint a Local Technical Unit to make technical reports concerning damage done by enemy action.

OATH GIVEN TO 1800

At a mass ceremony, 1800 members of the Citizens Defense Corps were sworn in recently by Mayor Howard E. Milliken, chairman of the **Harrisburg-Dauphin** County Council of Defense. Dr. A. C. Marts, executive director of the SCD, and Col. Henry A. Reninger, assistant director of the Third Civilian Defense Region, were the Speakers.

VOLUNTEERS CITED

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waters that closed other roads. Expressing his appreciation to volunteers, Ross L. Leffler, chairman of **Allegheny** County Council of Defense, said "there was no confusion or hysteria, as we had during the 1936 flood, and I am happy to say that the set-up which kept the entire district as one family, was responsible for his perfect co-operation."

Elsewhere in the state where flood waters caused less damage, Civilian Defense volunteers were on duty reporting river stages and maintaining contact with the State Control Center.



(Courtesy Pittsburgh Sun-Telegraph)

Two Air Raid Wardens at Pittsburgh are pictured holding hose as water is pumped out of restaurant building during recent flood.

MAKES SALVAGE AWARD

Dr. A. C. Marts, executive director of the SCD, presented a WPB Salvage Victory Pennant last week to **Butler** County, which attained the state's highest per capita collection, 867 pounds, during the salvage drive last fall. C. E. Spang is chairman of the salvage committee.

PUBLICITY HANDLED BY VOLUNTEER GROUP

The Public Relations Division of **Allegheny** County Council of Defense is manned entirely by volunteers, including local reporters from the three **Pittsburgh** newspapers.

The Division is arranged into five groups, under Mrs. Harold Wood, publicity director. Information and Clipping Bureaus also are maintained and constantly kept up to date.

Two of the volunteers, Mrs. Lee Johnson and Mrs. Maxine Hirsh Bader, have written stories on Civilian Defense for the periodical, "Greater Pittsburgh."

NEW RULING AFFECTS BUS RIDERS IN RAID

Occupants of buses and other vehicles will not be required to leave the vehicle and seek shelter during an air raid drill when the weather is inclement, Director A. C. Marts of the SCD, has announced.

He added, however, that "when there is a dropping of bombs in the immediate vicinity, occupants must leave the vehicle to seek shelter regardless of bad weather."

DEFENSE COUNCIL AIDED BY SCOUTS

The **Columbia-Montour** Boy Scout Council during the past year cooperated in many phases of Civilian Defense.

A report by Earl H. Blake, Scout Executive, shows that the Scouts distributed 3,000 War Bond posters; collected 10,278 pounds of aluminum; collected 450,000 pounds of waste paper, and distributed "Share The Meat" leaflets. In addition they have 425 members trained as messengers.

11 Complete Gas Protection Course

Eleven Pennsylvanians have completed gas protection courses at the Army Civilian Protection School at Amherst College, William A. Gorman, Senior Gas Officer of the SCD, reported this week.

The courses last five days, and it is planned to have as many counties as possible send their senior gas officers to the Massachusetts campus for this training. Upon their return, they will train local gas officers.

Senior gas officers serve on the staff of the control center and will be responsible later for selecting and training gas reconnaissance agents. Plans are being made by the OCD to provide equipment for this group.

Those who have taken the Amherst course are:

Capt. Joseph Chandler, Sr. Gas Officer, **Philadelphia**; Dr. H. F. Smyth, Jr., Gas Protection Unit, **Allegheny** County; Francis E. Daniels and William A. Gorman, State Department of Health; Dr. H. A. Neville, **Lehigh** Univ., Sr. Gas Officer, **Northampton** County; William F. Reichert, Sr. Gas Officer, **Crawford** County; Harry A. Altenderfer, F. and M. College, Gas Protection Unit, **Lancaster** County; H. W. Speicher, **Westinghouse** Co., **Pittsburgh**; Dr. John A. Zapp, Jr., Gas Protection Unit, **Philadelphia**.

FREDERICKS CALLED

Dr. J. Wynn Fredericks, Chief of Health and Physical Education in the State Department of Public Instruction and Director of Physical Fitness for the SCD, has been commissioned as a captain in the U. S. Marine Corps Reserve and called to active duty at San Diego.

Dr. Fredericks was formerly director of health and physical education at **Lock Haven** State Teachers College and at one time was coach at the Hill School, **Pottstown**.

MARTIN BECOMES CHAIRMAN OF SCD

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Speaker of the House; and Gen. Robert M. Vail, new Adjutant General, automatically became members.

Two new appointive members, announced this week, are: Mrs. Worthington Scranton, of **Scranton**, appointed by Governor Martin, and Walter H. Annenberg, **Philadelphia** publisher, appointed by Speaker Fiss.

Members remaining on the Council are: Hon. G. Harold Wagner, State Treasurer; Hon. F. Clair Ross, Auditor General; Hon. William S. Livengood, Jr., Secretary of Internal Affairs; Hon. Charles H. Ealy, President Pro Tem of the Senate; and Webster Newton Jones, **Pittsburgh**, retained as the appointee of Senator Ealy.